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INDIANS WIN

Quint Defeats Hampden-Sidney and Richmond College on Local Floor

With the student body seething in excitement as to its belief in the ability of their team to successfully combat the onslaughts of the Tigers from Hampden-Sidney and the Spiders from Richmond, the William and Mary Indians came true and measured up to every expectation that had been launched in the breasts of its followers by defeating respectfully the two above mentioned teams on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Never in the history of basketball has two more thrilling and exciting games been played. For almost one hour each night two quints contested at each others throats to gain supremacy over the other and in each case the game was won by one point. On Wednesday night Hampden-Sidney was defeated by the score of 17-18; then on Saturday night following, Richmond College was again forced to take the short end of the score, 20-19.

Wednesday, with Hampden-Sidney ready for the fray, odds seemed to favor them on account of the closeness of the game in which they had held Randolph-Macon to a 22-19 score on the latter's own floor. But a comparison of scores and figures does not always reveal the truth, for in this case the Tigers were forced to take the short end of the score 17-16. The outstanding feature of the game was the playing of Pierce and Henley for the locals and Brittan for the visitors. On account of the smallness of the court our men were unable to pass as well as if they could have on a larger floor, yet notwithstanding, they fought to the last whistle and won.

Saturday night, prospects were bright, but everyone realized that the Spiders had materially strengthened their team and expected what they received—one of the closest and hardest fought games ever played on the local floor. Richmond was defeated only in the last minute of play and doubts hung high even after the whistle had blown.

For the second time in two Saturday nights the Indian quint had the honor of defeating Richmond College. The affair was not settled until the last minute of play when Brooks for the locals, rung a field goal and placed his team in the lead. Time after time one or the other would forge ahead, but only leading by a margin of a point or possibly two points. At the end of the first half the score stood 11-10 in favor of the Indians. During that period some of the fastest ball was played that has ever been seen on the local floor. In the second period both quints came back

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Y.M.C.A. ADDRESS

Splendid Address by Dr. Freeman on Journalism as a Profession

The splendid address given by Dr. Freeman, editorial editor of the News Leader, at the Y. M. C. A. vesper service last Sunday afternoon was an exceptional intellectual treat, and the persons who missed hearing this magnificent speaker will regret the lost opportunity more and more as they come to realize what a wonderful influence this man is making upon modern editorial writing throughout the state and his influence on the universal service of the newspaper of today.

Briefly, the nature of the address dealt with advantages and disadvantages of newspaper work in general. The following issues were presented by the speaker as constituting a number of the disadvantages of the work: First, the newspaper editor is confronted with a thing that moves a man about as quickly as anything else; namely, poor pay. That to be sure, seems to be one of the chief objections. Secondly, the newspaper editor mingles with all sorts of people; some very unpleasant ones too. This is a disadvantage that some men would lay more stress on than others. Space does not permit the detailed explanation of each issue as the author gave them. Then too, the writer has not the vocabulary and forcefulness of style to present to you in a detailed manner what the speaker said. Thirdly, the newspaper editor seems to be in a social caste by himself. His position seems not to have the high standard that it deserves. Ordinary people have not learned that a newspaper editor must be a man with an abundant supply of knowledge, and, as such, deserves high recognition in the sight of common people as well as scholars. Fourthly, the editor is always subject to the worse kind of abuse from all sides. People do not seem to think that he is a man of feelings, but just a machine that rolls out printed matter for public use. Fifth, the necessary haste required in the work, the newspaper man's motto being, "That which thou doest, do quickly." That is a good motto for some people and it will certainly keep the real pep alive in life if we all more or less adopted that motto. Sixth, the rigorous discipline required of newspaper men. Nothing short of a good A. B. man will ever make a good newspaper editor. Men studying for newspaper work should specialize in psychology, political science and economy, and history. Of course, we are not to practice the evil habit of thinking that this is all we need to know. Lastly, the absolute necessity of the strictest guard against graft and

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LITERARY WORK

Urge Students to Take Part in This Important Phase of College Life

Heretofore, literary work at the College has been kept actively alive. The Literary Magazine flourished and intercollegiate debates were finely contested. There was no student who did not enjoy hearing Simms or G. L. Ferguson make a public talk, and almost every student, at one time or another, was really interested in one of the literary societies.

It would not be our purpose to speak of literary societies if they were not a most important College activity. Therefore it is every man's duty to himself and the College to become an active member of either the Phoenix or the Philomathean society. To one who expects to become a teacher, practise on the platform is invaluable; to one who expects to enter the business or professional world, clean thinking and intelligent judgment are rare jewels. To inculcate these very attributes which are helps to success, is the purpose of the literary societies. So it is not from any public-spirited or idealistic motive for which this space is taken up in urging students to start on literary paths, but from an interest in their own welfare as well as consideration of the benefit to the College.

Not a day is to be lost. From unimportant functions we must turn to those subjects that will make us more useful citizens and more polished gentlemen.

Therefore, it is hoped that many students will show—to use the much abused and indefinite term—their "college spirit" and make the Magazine burst its bud into a blossoming flower, and fill the society halls, adding, if nothing more, at least encouragement by their presence.

It is high time that we capture the triangular debating cups! There are certainly fifteen men now in College who can be worthy contestants in the intercollegiate debate. The Chapel bell does not ring in vain twice every week when it calls men to literary societies. Marked ability has been shown and a keenness of wit, not ordinarily found, has been heard recently. But as "Rome was not built in a day," neither was she built by one man alone, or even a score of men. The question for debate among the colleges of this section will soon be published. Every man in William and Mary has the opportunity to try his skill on the rostrum. Gentlemen, don't allow a few overworked men to bear the burden of this kind of work, but start out now and do something that really counts in your life and in the life of the College.

Someone said, "that Mr. Hughes was going to give us a belfry clock, so we wouldn't get behind the 'times'."

PRES. RESIGNS

Dr. Lyon G. Tyler Resigns After Thirty Years of Faithful Service

After a service of thirty-one years Dr. Lyon G. Tyler has resigned the presidency of William and Mary College—his resignation to take effect July 1, 1919. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching invited him to an honored place on its retirement list and President Tyler has accepted.

The College Board made him President Emeritus, and instanced their appreciation of his services by a set of laudatory resolutions.

No man is more completely identified with the restoration and success of a college than President Tyler. William and Mary had been suspended for seven years, and President Tyler as a member from Richmond led the fight in 1888 in the House of Delegates for the first appropriation of \$10,000 to put the college on its feet. He had to encounter the formidable opposition of the Speaker of the House, Hon. R. N. Cardwell, who afterwards became president of the Supreme Court of Virginia. And among all his treasures, President Tyler values perhaps most of all a letter written by his generous adversary some three years ago paying a tribute to his work at that time and acknowledging his own conversion to the beneficence of the measure which he then opposed.

It was perhaps prophetic of the future that Colonel William H. Peters, the famous professor of Latin in the University of Virginia, in a highly eulogistic endorsement of Dr. Tyler for the presidency of the college, declared that "the friends of the college could not secure the services anywhere, within or without the state, of one who would more certainly reanimate the institution." The new board elected Mr. Tyler over several strong adversaries, and he began the work in 1888 of restoring the institution from its condition of complete prostration. It would take too much space to give the details of this work. There were times when the college was in imminent peril in the Legislature and it was only by Mr. Tyler's personal and tireless efforts that the institution was saved from destruction. Through his efforts the appropriations were speedily increased, and recognition of what he did were accorded to him in letters which he has preserved. "You are entitled to the credit" wrote General William B. Taliaferro, Rector of the Board for many years, "and shall have it in full force from me. I am tolerably bold, but I yield the palm to you for pluck and venture." One of these times of imminent danger was when, in the so-called Reformed Legislature of

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Surely, every William and Mary student will rejoice to learn of the recent action of the Board of Visitors, rescinding that undesirable clause whereby a professor automatically lost his professorship upon becoming sixty-five years of age. This rule had been a puzzle to many men interested in the College, and they had never been able to see why it should have been passed by the Board, nor had they seen where any benefit could be derived from the existence of such a rule. Why should a professor become useless at the age of sixty-five? Why should a professor lose, instantly, all of his teaching and professional ability? Why should a man who has won the love and admiration of the student body and faculty members be forced to give up his chair at a time when he should be able to do his very best work? Why should our Board, or any other board, do a thing that no other college in the state, nor any college in the country, so far as we know does, pay a professor a sum barely sufficient to live upon and then on an appointed day kick him out without any consideration for his future? In view of these facts, we believe it was just that this rule was withdrawn and are thankful for the fact.

Within a very short time we would have been called upon to give up two of our oldest professors if this retirement rule had remained in force. These two gentlemen, Dr. J. Lesslie Hall and Dr. V. F. Garrett, are as well, or better, fitted to fill their respective chairs of English and Chemistry to day than any time in their lives. Their judgement is sound and their knowledge of their subjects is unquestionable. The members of the faculty, the student body and the people of the community have all become deeply attached to these two benefactors of William and Mary, and it does us good to know that they are to stay with us longer.

It is unfortunate indeed and rather pathetic that just as a student begins to become attached to a certain professor that this professor should be compelled to give up his chosen profession here and seek a place else-

where, and with poor opportunity of securing a suitable one, for while colleges and universities do not object to retaining a man of this age, yet they are frequently reluctant to employ one having passed the age of sixty-five. So we congratulate those responsible for this action of repealing such a law, and feel sure that William and Mary will profit therefrom.

LEST WE FORGET

It is an unfortunate and lamentable fact that among a group of red-blooded, intelligent college men, there are certain times when it seems their actions are controlled by little or no discretion. Obviously, the winning of any contest is always attended by a great amount of rejoicing; a pleasing and legitimate thing. Society and officers of the law alike always are willing to show considerable leniency to groups of college boys fresh with the enthusiasm of victory. This has been the case in Williamsburg for ages, but recently the tide seems to have turned. An officer says no more bon fires shall be made at the upper end of Gloucester street; a thing which he has a perfect right to say. If he doesn't want them there, let us build them elsewhere.

Preparatory to building the bon fire last Saturday night, celebrating the victory over Richmond College, the fuel was collected in another place than the old forbidden one, but certainly in a more dangerous one, and it is concerning this act that this article appears. This fire was built entirely too close to the corner of College and Gloucester streets and the buildings on the corner of these streets were in imminent danger for more than an hour. They are built of wood and are very old and dry and could easily be set on fire by the smallest spark falling upon the roof. During the height of the danger, the occupants of the houses rushed out, and, in an excited condition, requested that their property be protected and the fire allowed to die out. Several students looked into the matter and found the houses to be in greater danger than Mr. and Mrs. Jones, the occupants, had reported. During all this time, however, boxes, barrels and all kinds of fuel were being supplied to the fire. Thoughtless, you say? Certainly it was, but can such men as William and Mary men afford to be so thoughtless as to hazard public property and the lives of citizens? There is no doubt but that had these buildings been consumed by this fire, those responsible for the fire, if the responsibility could have been fixed, would and could have been prosecuted on the charge of criminal negligence. Gentlemen, it is a dangerous business, and we will do well to be more careful in the future.

Another aspect of celebrating and recording victories is the picturesque method of painting scores in public places and on sidewalks especially, thus defacing college and public property. These scores, usually painted in large letters with black ink, are found in the most conspicuous and public places on the college walks. If the little band of men who are responsible for these figures really believe that they make the taste of victory any sweeter; if they believe their performances to be appreciated by the most sober minded students; if they are sure that col-

lege property is enhanced by these "works of art," why no one wishes to disturb them. But if they, upon a careful reconsideration of the merits of these acts, find them sufficiently useless to justify the abolishment of the practice, The Flat Hat in connection with the College authorities, will feel very grateful indeed to them.

The Flat Hat will not be published next week. Any one wishing to know the reason of this may apply to any one of the editorial staff for information.

It is regretted that a few typographical errors slip into our most carefully written articles. This is neither due to the carelessness of the editor nor the printer, but is just one of those things from which every paper has to suffer. The best we can do is to reduce them to a minimum.

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PRESIDENT RESIGNS

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1900, the retrenchment committee brought in a report to cut off the college appropriation and sell the interest of the state in the college. Another time was when in the Constitutional Convention of 1902 a provision was introduced in the constitution to inhibit all appropriations to institutions not wholly owned or controlled by the state. President Tyler defeated these attempts—the first by reversing the tables upon the enemies of the college and doubling the appropriation of the institution, and the second by getting the Constitutional Convention to except the college from the general provision against contributions to private institutions, which was a distinct triumph. He afterwards drew a bill in 1906 which passed the Board and Legislature, transferring the college to the state, thereby putting down forever the charge of William and Mary College being a private institution fostered at public expense.

Besides restoring the operation of the college, President Tyler exerted himself in rescuing from oblivion its history and traditions. He filled the college with portraits of distinguished alumni and with tablets in commemoration of past events, and in his William and Mary College Quarterly entered all that he could find about the life of the ancient college itself—its professors, its students, its buildings, its charter, its revenues and history. A distinguished citizen and lover of his state wrote some years ago to President Tyler congratulating him

upon his successes, and after numbering among these the restoration of the college and his quarterly publication said, "You have shown yourself an eloquent man by the eloquence of success, you have shown yourself a genius, by doing what other people said could not be done." There were many people who said that William and Mary College could not be resurrected, but it was."

In 1888 when the college was reopened, there were few buildings on the campus and these in bad repair. The finances of the college were exceedingly small. There had been no students at the college for several years. During the thirty years that have elapsed the resources of the college have been several times multiplied; a new library building, a gymnasium, a science hall, a power house, an infirmary and several dormitories have been built. The numbers of the faculty have been trebled and a student attendance of high academic standards has been gathered with almost every county of the state represented.

Under Dr. Tyler's presidency and leadership the courses for the training of teachers at the college were inaugurated. The great educational awakening of the public school system in Virginia was to a large extent made possible by the leadership of men trained in this department. Many of the ablest superintendents and best known school principals of the state have been graduates of the college. Another and more recent development in William and Mary was the establishment of a woman's department. At the last legislative meeting, a bill was introduced with the sympathetic support of the president, admitting women to all the courses at William and Mary. This great innovation in the higher educational field in Virginia was successfully begun this session with a promising enrollment of representative students. A well developed course in Home Economics was established. Under the supervision of a dean of women the young ladies have enjoyed all the freedom of college life. This victory for the higher education of women by the state marks with distinction the closing session of President Tyler's thirty years of service and of the first quarter of the third century in the history of William and Mary.

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Error Corrected

The name of Mr. J. D. Carneal, Jr., was unintentionally omitted from the list of names given in our last issue as composing the Debate Council. Mr. Carneal was chosen at the same time as the other members.

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Y. M. C. A. ADDRESS

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bribery. Here the newspaper man is very often tempted and only the man with a high moral standard should accept the position of a newspaper editor.

This question, like any other sensible one, has two sides. The speaker did not give us all the disadvantages of the work. The following issues were presented to show us the advantages of the work: First, the speaker said it is the most noble of all professions. Here a man has the opportunity to do untold good in church, state and society. Can a man have a better profession? Is there any profession that can do so much good in such a broad way as that of editorship? When a man has accomplished good for church, state and society can we ask any more of him? Second, the excitement of variety. The newspaper editor never does the same thing twice. He has not the time to throw away by retracing his steps. The public demands an infinite variety and it is the joy of the editor to serve the public to that extent. Third, the ear of the state. The newspaper press generally knows what has happened anywhere in a very short time. Its editors always have the news ready to give to the people first hand. Of course, this means Associated Press Service which all large papers have now. Third, the joy of coming in contact with men from the lowest class up to the highest and knowing their problems. The joy of being able to help mankind because they are placed in a position to know their wants and needs. Fourth, the great channel or stepping-stone to something greater. Trace through history for ages and take out all the great men who have been associated with newspaper work. In that list one will find presidents of all kinds, and even the humblest of poets. And last, the contact an editor has with a living language, a language that is throbbing every minute with something new. Is not that a joy for a scholar? Could a really intellectual man wish for anything better? No man of letters, nor woman either, can afford to pass over slightly the work of the newspaper editor and not stop to reflect on the significance of such a work.

A wealthy Flat Hat advertiser of Richmond, recently sent four complimentary theatre tickets to the editor and manager of The Flat Hat and their wives for a special performance in Richmond. The editor has been busy day and night trying to frame up some excuse for not using the tickets. Why not write the Richmonder that she has the "flu," Mr. Editor?

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afreshed from the intermission and there began a contest which will long be remembered. Back and forth surged the teams, each trying to get possession of the ball long enough to cage it, but so close was the guarding that it was almost utter impossibility to basket a goal. Throughout the game Pierce and Hudson showed their ability to cage the ball; much praise must be given to these athletes for their excellent offensive work. The winning of the game was largely due to the ability of these two to basket the ball at difficult stages of the game. A summary of the game follows:

R. C. W. & M.
Streetleft forward.... Hudson
Yatesright forward.... Henley
Knightcenter..... Pierce
Mottleyleft guard.... Fentress
Tribbleright guard.... Brooks
Goals from field—Richmond College, Yates, 3; Knight, 2; Mottley, 1. William and Mary, Hudson, 2; Henley, 1; Pierce, 3; Brooks, 1. Goals from fouls—Pierce, 3; Brooks, 3; Tribble, 7. Referee—Warren.

WILLIAM AND MARY SPIRIT

With two victories over Richmond College registered on our score-card, we may well glance back to see the reason. It is certainly true that half the secret of William and Mary's victories lies in the support of the student body. Many of our seniors last year who remembered "the good old days" of the college, lamented in loud tones the listlessness with which a victory was celebrated. During the S. A. T. C. days, the mechanical and dispirited way in which all college activities were supported seemed to prove the truth of their pessimistic prophecies. But with the beginning of a new term and the return to college of many ex-soldiers and sailors a new vigor was injected into the student body. The "ducs," ready and willing to be initiated into the mysteries of fire-jumping and speech making, have proved beyond a doubt that the old "pep" is far from dead. With a disastrous trip through the state and an equally disastrous opener against Randolph-Macon, the season seemed to be opening under gloomy auspices. But defeat served only to bring larger numbers out to watch the practice and to inspire the team with a determination to win. And the celebration which followed three consecutive victories surpassed in vim and vigor any that we held last year. But we are now facing the crisis of the whole season. Championship hangs on the game with Randolph-Macon Wednesday night—lets keep the good work up!

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